



Vernon School Readiness Council
Regular Meeting
September 5, 2019
BOE/Central Office, 9:30-11:00 am
Draft Minutes

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VSRC Mission: To ensure that every child in Vernon will start school ready to learn

- I. Welcome and Introductions
Members present: Kara Morse, Betsy Crayton, Shelley McCone, Melissa Iles, Joan Odonnell, Katie Napolitan, and Michelle Hill
- II. Approval of 6/6/2019 draft meeting minutes
A motion to accept the 6/6/2019 draft minutes as presented was made and seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- III. 2019-20 Meeting Schedule: The following meeting scheduled for the 2019-20 school year was shared. Meetings begin at 9:30am and are held in the 2nd floor conference room at the Vernon Public Schools Central Administrative offices. 2019-20 scheduled dates are below:
10/3
11/7
12/5
1/9
2/6
3/5
4/2
5/7
6/4
- IV. School Readiness Grant (SR) and Preschool Development Grant (PDG)- hybrid updates
 - A. Enrollment- Program Updates
YMCA funded for SR: 18 full day, full year slots
The YMCA has 12 children currently enrolled in SR slots, and there are 4 openings.
VPS: funded for SR: 32 part day, part year slots
PDG- hybrid: 27 improved school day slots
All VPS SR and PDG Hybrid slots are currently fully enrolled.
 - B. SR liaison update: Interviews for the Vernon School Readiness Liaison position are taking place this afternoon.
 - C. Enhancement funds 2018-19 and 2019-20
SR Enhancement funds have been approved making the Conscious Discipline Training available to early child hood teachers in Vernon. SR Enhancement funds from 2018-19 were used to

purchase a Sensory Path for the Indian Valley YMCA Rockville Childcare Center and for three of the other VPS preschools.

V. Partner updates:

Vernon Public Schools Family School and Community Partnerships (FSCP):

- The FSCP had a very active summer taking registrations and holding family engagement activities in the community.
- At the beginning of school there were 273 kindergarteners enrolled. Kindergartener numbers are up by 30 from last year.
- The FSCP processed 418 new student registrations over the summer.

YMCA:

- A new Regional Childcare Director was hired.
- Openings are available for 3 and 4 year olds in the ½ day preschool program at Center 375.
- YMCA also provides before and after school age child care including transportation to and from school for students who live in Vernon.

ECHN: Family Resource Center at Maple St.

- New Play and Learn Group flyer was shared
- A home visitor is also available to meet and work with families.

ECHN: Behavioral Health and Women's Health

- New Suicide prevention program in place
- Rockville General Hospital still offers women's health services, prenatal visits , and family planning

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted by:

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